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Gov. Cuomo stunned New Yorkers by canceling April's L train shutdown, and instead turning to European technology to make repairs to the tunnel without having to close it. 2-3

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With fewer than four months until planned construction, the L train won't close completely during restoration.



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Gov. Andrew Cuomo announced on Thursday that the L train shutdown will be canceled, with only some night and weekend closures now necessary to fix the subway tunnel.

The news comes more than two years after officials first announced that one of the busiest subway lines between Brooklyn and Manhattan would stop running to allow for repairs.

Cuomo said that he asked a panel of "best experts," including engineers from Columbia and Cornell, to look at the L train situation again as the April 2019 start date looms.

"I asked them to re-

view the plan, to look at it with fresh eyes, no assumptions, no givens, and if there's any possible suggestions for how we can make it better, great," Cuomo said at a press conference Thursday. "To make a long story short, they have proposed a new design to use in the tunnel."

This design has not yet been used in the United States, per Cuomo.

"With this design it would not be necessary to close the L train tunnel at all, which would be a phenomenal benefit to the people of New York City," he said.

The L train shutdown was slated to begin in

April 2019 and last 15 months, stranding thousands of straphangers and disrupting New York City transportation. The closure was necessary, officials said, to fix the Canarsie Tunnel, which was flooded and damaged during Hurricane Sandy.

Although the tunnel is structurally sound, saltwater from the East River leaks inside, corroding electrical switches and power lines.

"Saltwater and electronics do not mix," Cuomo said.

Following the announcement, some New Yorkers expressed concern that this would inconvenience their

subway travel for even longer. Cuomo said at the news conference that "this is the shortest, best route for rebuilding

sit Center, a foundation for improving urban mobility, on Twitter.

MTA Acting Chairman Fernando Ferrer addressed these concerns at the press conference, saying that the answer for why this innovative approach hadn't been considered earlier is that "the integration of these approaches — and there are several — and the technology had not previously been applied in the context of a rehabilitation project, a rehabilitation project that is underground."

The new design includes a polymer that has previously only been used on bridges.

So how will straphangers be affected now?

"With this [new] design it would not be necessary to close the L train tunnel at all."

Gov. Andrew Cuomo

the tunnel."

Others wondered why, if this design is possible, a 15-month L train shutdown was initially proposed at all.

"What's left of MTA's technical credibility when engineering professors can come up with a better plan in a few weeks?" asked the Tran-

"The original plan was [to] close both tunnels and do the work. This plan is [to] leave both open during the day, close one at night and [on] weekends, so you'll always have constant service," Cuomo said.

As one tube will be closed for repairs, L train service will run in both

directions in the other tube. Rush hour weekday service will not be affected, officials said.

The expected timeline range for this work is 15 to 20 months. When asked if he could assure that this would take a maximum of 20 months, Cuomo said he could not make that promise.

The night and weekend L train closures are expected to begin around the same time the original L train shutdown was scheduled to start, in April.

As New Yorkers had prepared for the original shutdown, community activists and transit advocates worked on other solutions to help residents get around the city. With this plan halted, some are concerned that the other transportation initiatives will also be left behind.

"However this new plan plays out, we expect that the new bus and bike infrastructure that has been planned will be preserved," Joe Cufro of Transportation Alternatives told Metro, "and even without a full 15-month L train shutdown, New York City is still in the midst of a real transportation crisis."

The Twitterverse reacts to the governor's 'L' of a bombshell



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After Gov. Andrew Cuomo's press conference announcing a halt to the 15-month L train shutdown that was planned to start in April 2019, Twitter users began sharing their opinions on the transit news that affects approximately 250,000 daily commuters.

According to MTA officials, the shutdown was needed in order to

make necessary repairs to the Canarsie Tunnel, which was flooded and damaged during Hurricane Sandy.

While many people

took to Twitter to express pleasure in the announcement, others expressed concerns about how it will continue to delay the



John Andrews @Jandies1

Honestly, I'd rather them shut down the #LTrain completely for 15 months than have whatever semblance of service we will now have for THREE YEARS! Are you kidding me with this? We had all come to terms with it. We had all prepared. Now we will be crammed onto too few trains...



MsJessicaB @MsJessicaB

Can we just call it like it is, and acknowledge that Cuomo is shutting down the L train shutdown because he's going to run in 2020 and can't have Manhattan and Brooklyn, or anyone else, hating him for a 15 month shutdown that would cripple the system? #LTrainShutdown

necessary repairs to the Canarsie Tunnel, which runs under the East River. Some people took the time to share their feelings about the governor.

Several months back, a Kickstarter was created for a board game based around the L train shutdown called "Escape from Hell." The game is based on getting to Manhattan from Williamsburg after the L train has shut down. As of press time and with 15 days remaining in the campaign, the game had 143 backers and

had raised \$5,417.

The board game's co-creator, Hunter Fine, told Metro that he was still waiting to learn more details about the L train news and wants to continue to move forward with the game.

"No matter the outcome, Williamsburg residents will face varieties



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This Cuomo #Ltrain bomb means one of two things: he had planned this last min announcement all along, so he was always f—king with us, or he is doing this on a whim based on ego, so he is just f—king with us. Either way, he is f—king us.

of 'hell' as construction begins. The game is still moving forward, but we will update it to reflect the latest decisions/news."

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Amazon: Yo, andy, We just bought Queens but apparently there's some important train thing missing?
Cuomo: I got u #Ltrain: this smells fishy

PARTIAL SHUTDOWN, WHOLE LOT OF PROBLEMS

ANALYSIS

LARRY PENNER

Larry Penner is a transportation historian and advocate who previously worked 31 years for the U.S. Department of Transportation.



Gov. Andrew Cuomo's announcement that the upcoming Canarsie Line tunnel reconstruction, scheduled to start in April, will be changed lacks critical details. How much longer will it take for NYC Transit and private contractors to complete work with only overnight and weekend closures than the previously announced 15-month, 24/7 project duration?

MTA and NYC DOT have already spent millions in planning, environmental review and design and engineering ahead of the shutdown. This work was performed by experienced engineers and engineering consulting firms. They have firsthand knowledge of how the nation's largest subway system works.

Cuomo's outside experts come from Columbia and Cornell university world of academia. If their new design idea was used abroad and could work, both the MTA and NYC Transit President Andy Byford (who previously ran transit systems in London and Toronto) would have considered it.

The most cost-effective time to do construction work is when contractors have 24/7 access. The contractor is on-site full-time, mobilized with a staging area for workers, supplies and debris removal. Forcing contractors to mobilize workers prior to tunnel access evenings and weekends increases project costs. So does having to stop work prior to resuming subway service.

The proposed new strategy could add millions to the project costs. Having only one tube open overnight on weekdays and during weekends provides operational problems. Bi-directional service on one track is risky. Headways between trains will double. Any train with mechanical difficulties in the tunnel could result in chaos. Significant numbers of riders use the L train in the evening, overnight and on weekends.

Several hundred million was previously provided under a Federal Transit Administration Hurricane Sandy Recovery and Resiliency grant. Washington doesn't pay for the same work twice.

MTA HQ and NYC Transit were blindsided by Cuomo's announcement. Was it designed to ingratiate himself with voters rather than serve the long-term interests of riders? MTA HQ, board members, NYC Transit, NYC DOT managers and engineers have had no time to review and comment on this "new design" or potential budget impacts.

What will the impact be on the final project budget? Having to count on periodic versus 24/7 access, potential private construction contractors will increase their proposed bids. How will the MTA find additional funding to supplement previously approved federal funding?

Cuomo's micromanagement is penny-wise and pound-foolish.

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The half-price MetroCard program was scheduled for Jan. 1, but there are still no details.



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The new year was supposed to bring half-price MetroCards to low-income New Yorkers, but the Fair Fares plan has yet to begin, and NYC Comptroller Scott M. Stringer is demanding the city step up.

Under the new Fair Fares plan, which was included in the city budget in June, low-income New Yorkers are eligible for half-price seven-day and 30-day MetroCard passes.

Fair Fares was scheduled to start Jan. 1, but on Thursday, Stringer called out City Hall for not yet detailing a timeline for how the plan will be rolled out; who will be eligible to participate; or even any information on how the program will be implemented.

"Getting on that train for so many New Yorkers is a true financial burden. So when the Fair Fares program offering discount tickets got funding in this year's budget, low-income families won a landmark battle," Stringer told reporters Thursday morning.

"Now, 800,000 New Yorkers are waiting for the cheaper MetroCards they were promised, because this program was supposed to begin on Jan. 1," he said. "It was supposed to be the moment when people could sign up and get on that train, save some money, contribute to the economy and make a difference for their families. We've

asked for many days, 'Where's the program?'"

The Fair Fares plan included a six-month waiting period before it was to be implemented, to help develop the program, Stringer said. That planning process was to end Dec. 31.

Stringer pointed out that no posters or billboards have even been unveiled to announce the program to New Yorkers.

With Fair Fares in limbo, so is the \$106 million allocated to fund the plan.

"My job is to account for the \$106 million," said Stringer. "I have every intention to continue to ask questions, so people are not stuck in a waiting time for another six months or another year."

Advocates with the Community Service Society and the Riders Alliance joined Stringer Thursday morning to call on Mayor Bill de Blasio for more transparency about the program.

"Now, 800,000 New Yorkers are waiting for the cheaper MetroCards they were promised."

NYC Comptroller
Scott M. Stringer

At an unrelated press conference on Thursday, de Blasio was asked about Fair Fares updates in light of the comptroller's comments.

"We are entirely focused on doing something that's never been done before in the history of New York City," he told reporters, "and I want to thank the City Council for their focus on this and for their partnership over the last six months in creating a brand-new initiative that never existed before, and has to be gotten right."

Gov. Cuomo said that an announcement explaining how people can apply for half-price MetroCards will be made soon, and that "every stage" of the Fair Fares project will be announced as it is ready.

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Reports of rape up, but overall NYC crime hit historic lows in 2018

Last year's record lows affirm the five boroughs' status as the safest big city in America.



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Though overall New York City crime dropped to record-low numbers in 2018, reports of rape rose — a sign, according to the NYPD, not necessarily of more incidents, but of more people coming forward.

Rape increased 22 percent in 2018, with 328 more rapes reported than in 2017, officials announced Thursday.

Of all rapes reported in 2018, 27 percent occurred in prior years. In 2017, 20 percent of rapes reported occurred before that year.

"We meet with sexual assault advocates every three months," NYPD Commissioner James P. O'Neill told reporters. "Their contention, as well as our belief, is that rape is an underreported crime. ... We've had our public awareness program for people to come forward with sexual assault complaints, and I think that's a big part of why that number continues to rise."

Mayor Bill de Blasio pointed to the #MeToo movement and other encouraging messages in the public as reasons why more people may be reporting rape.

"We're dealing with a new reality," de Blasio said, "where advocates and the NYPD believe the same thing: that a historic underreporting is finally being addressed."

Hate crimes increased 7 percent in 2018, with 361 total hate crimes. More than half of those were anti-Semitic in nature, per the NYPD.

Overall transit crime

also saw a slight bump, up 3.8 percent in 2018 compared to the previous year. Most of that increase comes from grand larceny incidents in Manhattan. NYPD Chief of Transit Edward Delatorre said international professional pickpocket teams and a group of local repeat offenders contributed to this increase, but with those individuals in custody he expects to see a downward trend again.

Overall New York City crime dropped to a level not seen since the 1950s, the mayor said. 2018 saw the lowest number of homicides recorded in the city's modern era with 289, compared to 292 in 2017.

New York City crime statistics for 2018

- Overall New York City crime down 1.3% since 2017
- Murders down 13% since 2013 and 87% since 1990
- There were five days or more without a recorded murder five different times in 2018, including a streak of nine days, from Nov. 25 to Dec. 3.
- Shootings down by 35 incidents (4.4%) in 2018 compared to 2017

New York City's murder rate is about 3.3 per 100,000 people.

"What does New York City look like going into 2019? It looks like the safest big city in the country," said NYPD Chief of Crime Control Strategies Laurie Pollock.

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New NYPD directive will now fine businesses for e-bike violations

Delivery workers often rely on throttle electric bicycles, which are not legal on city streets.



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New York City delivery workers have been hit with heavy fines from NYPD officers for the use of throttle electric bicycles while on the job, but a new effort may alleviate that individual strain by targeting the employers they work for instead.

The NYPD has directed officers to interview the rider of a throttle e-bike or motorized scooter after stopping them to find out if they are using that mode of



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transportation for work or for personal reasons, according to a memo detailed by Gothamist.

City law states that it's the business that should be held liable when someone is using a motorized scooter or e-bike on behalf of their

employer, though delivery workers have often been the ones receiving the fines.

The NYPD has directed its officers to follow the law and thus cite the restaurants instead, according to the Nov. 20 memo.

If the e-bike or electric scooter is found to be used for business purposes, the officer is directed to then determine the business's name and location and "respond to business location if within a reasonable distance."

"In theory, the numbers [of citations] for cyclists should be zero," Steven Wasserman, an attorney for the Legal Aid Society, which obtained the department's memo, told Gothamist.

He thinks the directive "is a very good thing," he added.

Though pedal-assist e-bikes are legal in New York City, throttle e-bikes, which can travel more than 20 mph, are not allowed on city streets. This delineation has harmed delivery workers, advocates have argued, thus disproportionately affecting New York City's immigrant community.

Some delivery workers have reported receiving as many as 14 tickets in one day. Per-ticket fines are \$500.

In April, transit advocates, delivery work-

ers and elected officials called on Mayor Bill de Blasio to help convert these workers' e-bikes so that they can comply with the law.

"I've been given many fees and fines just for doing my job," one delivery worker named Clemente said at that gathering in front of City Hall. "We need the support of the city so we can be able to convert our e-bikes to comply with the laws. We're asking the city not to leave workers behind."

Even if the fines are given to the business rather than the delivery worker, the workers' bikes are still confiscated, according to Gothamist. The employer is responsible for paying to get them back, which could harm delivery workers if they ignore the summons.



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Judge blocks New York City law requiring Airbnb to hand over user data

Airbnb declares victory after a federal judge prohibited NYC from enforcing a law being challenged in court.

A federal judge on Thursday blocked a New York City law requiring Airbnb to hand over data each month about people who use its apartment listing service from taking effect while the company challenges the law in court.

The preliminary ruling, handed down by U.S. District Judge Paul Engelmayer in Manhattan, could be a boon for the San Francisco-based company as it prepares for a widely anticipated initial public offering later this year.

"The decision today



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is a huge win for Airbnb and its users, including the thousands of New Yorkers at risk of illegal surveillance who use Airbnb to help make ends meet," Airbnb said

in a statement.

New York City's law department could not immediately be reached for comment.

Airbnb allows users to lease or sublease

their homes to guests through an online service. The company's critics in New York and other major cities say the service contributes to high housing costs

and overcrowding.

In 2010, in an effort to address those concerns, the state of New York passed a law banning apartment rentals for periods of fewer than 30 days unless a permanent resident remains in the apartment. New York City also bans short-term apartment rentals in many cases.

The new city law, which was passed last July and scheduled to take effect next month, aimed to help the city identify Airbnb listings that ran afoul of the short-term rental laws.

It would require Airbnb and providers of similar services to turn over information about its users, including names, addresses and details of how they used the service, each month.

Airbnb and another

home-sharing company, HomeAway.com Inc., both sued the city last year seeking to block the law. Thursday's order applies to both companies' cases.

Airbnb and HomeAway argued that the law ran afoul of the U.S. Constitution's protection against unreasonable search and seizure of private property by the government.

Engelmayer said in Thursday's ruling that the companies were likely to prevail in their argument. He said the scope of the information required by the law was "breathtaking," encompassing "virtually all monthly information the service receives from each user."

The judge will not enter a final ruling until later in the case, after both sides have exchanged evidence. **REUTERS**



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Beyoncé and Jay-Z help Paris Louvre to record number of visitors

A music video by Beyoncé and Jay-Z set in the Louvre helped boost visitor numbers to a record 10.2 million last year, the most for any museum in history, the Louvre said on Thursday.

A rebound in tourist numbers to Paris, following a drop after Islamist militants killed 130 people in the French capital in November 2015, also helped the museum achieve a 25 percent increase in visitors on the previous year.

The Louvre said it was happy at the response to the video by Beyoncé and her husband Jay-Z for the song "APES**T" in which they perform in front of the Mona Lisa, the Venus de Milo and other famous artworks. It has been viewed nearly 150 million times on YouTube.

"It is good to see that these American artists, creators of today, are interested in a museum of archaeology and ancient



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art," Louvre Director Jean-Luc Martinez told Reuters.

The Louvre's previous record was 9.7 million visitors, in 2012, when the museum inaugurated its Islamic Art section and held exhibitions on Leonardo da Vinci and Raphael.

Three-quarters of the visitors are foreigners, with about 1.5 million American and 1 million Chinese tourists.

Indicating that the

sometimes violent "yellow vest" protests in the final weeks of last year had not damaged tourism, the French Center for National Monuments also reported record 2018 numbers, with 10.2 million visitors, up 8 percent, to the 100 sites it manages. The previous record was in 2014.

The Arc de Triomphe, despite being closed for two weeks last month after being defaced by yellow vest protests against government reforms, was France's most popular monument in 2018, with 1.7 million visitors, followed by the Mont-Saint-Michel island in Normandy, with 1.4 million.

Full-year tourist numbers for the Paris region are not yet available, but in the first half of 2018 it booked a record number of 17.1 million arrivals and said it was hoping for a full-year record of 50 million.

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		2 people	\$45,100 - \$50,100	\$208,440	\$259,150
		3 people	\$51,340 - \$56,340	\$208,440	\$259,150

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Pelosi elected House speaker for 2019-2020

It's the 78-year-old's second run as speaker.



Democrat Nancy Pelosi was elected on Thursday to be the new speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives as her party took majority control of the chamber following its election victory last Nov. 6.

This marks Pelosi's second stint as speaker. She was the first woman ever to hold the job, serving from 2007 until 2011, when Republicans began an eight-year run in the House majority.

Pelosi received 220 votes for speaker, while Republican Rep. Kevin McCarthy got 192 votes. A smattering of others received the remaining votes in the chamber that holds 435 seats.

The election puts Pelosi in position to lead the

opposition to President Donald Trump's agenda and to conduct in-depth investigations of his administration following two years during which Republicans have mainly given him a free pass.

Pelosi, 78, was first elected to the House in 1987 and has pledged to push legislation that would spark large federal investments in infrastructure projects that Trump also has expressed an interest in

tackling.

But Pelosi's Democrats and Trump's Republicans have taken vastly different approaches to rebuilding the nation's bridges, roadways, airports and other public works projects that also would spark job creation.

Pelosi, a liberal who represents San Francisco, will lead a House with 235 Democrats, 199 Republicans and one seat in North Carolina still being contested. **REUTERS**

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The IRS might be closed, but your taxes are still due

The U.S. Internal Revenue Service is closed, thanks to the government shut-down, but your taxes are still due on April 15 and that is why individuals need to proceed through tax season as if nothing is amiss, experts say.

The opening day of e-filing traditionally occurs during the third week in January. This year, however, there is still a lot of unfinished business because of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017.

One of the most complex changes in the legislation is how to calculate income for self-employed individuals or those with partnerships. Filers need to figure out something called qualified business income and run an algorithm for a new 20 percent deduction on this income, which has a lot of phase-outs and special qualifications.

It is "way more complicated than first blush would make it seem," said tax preparer David Tolleth in Holmdel, New Jersey.

When Tolleth looks at 2018 forms in his professional software, they are all still marked "draft," including the main 1040 form. In prior years plagued by filing delays, Tolleth prepared returns and then sent them once the system was online.



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"I'm hoping that will happen this year, but I don't know," he said.

Jake Johnstun, an enrolled agent tax preparer from Ogden, Utah, is not trusting his tax software, especially when it comes to qualified business income. Instead, he built spreadsheets with different variables and has been running numbers for a month and a half.

Johnstun is supposed to tape a panel discussion with three IRS officials in fewer than two weeks to explain the changes to tax professionals. But his slated experts are currently furloughed.

Tax accountants say they get busy signals when they try to fax the Internal Revenue Service. Major software companies, meanwhile, are mostly just pinging electronic servers as they test their 2018 software updates. The IRS is not answering questions from professionals or from individuals, other than what is already publicly available on its website.

Nevertheless, most tax professionals are not worried. Even though tax preparation firm Jackson Hewitt Tax Service is not on its usual schedule of speaking with the IRS daily, chief tax officer Mark Steber does not expect chaos.

"They planned for this. They had contingency plans. It's not their first rodeo," Steber said. **REUTERS**

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On Day 1 in power, Dems challenge Trump on shutdown

Democrats wasted no time flexing their new power in the U.S. House of Representatives on Thursday as they maneuvered to pass legislation backed by new Speaker Nancy Pelosi that would end a 13-day partial government shutdown while ignoring President Donald Trump's demand for \$5 billion for a border wall.

Thursday marked the first day of divided government in Washington since Trump took office in January 2017, as Democrats took control in the House from his fellow Republicans, who remain in charge of the Senate.

The 2019-2020 Congress convened with roughly a quarter of the federal government closed, affecting 800,000 employees, in a shutdown triggered by Trump's demand last month for the money for a U.S.-Mexican border wall — opposed by Democrats — as part of any legislation funding government agencies.

The two-part Democratic package includes a bill to fund the Department of Homeland Security at current levels through Feb. 8, providing \$1.3 billion for border fencing and \$300 million for other border security items including technology and cameras.

The second part would fund the other federal agencies that are now un-

funded including the Departments of Agriculture, Interior, Transportation, Commerce and Justice, through Sept. 30, the end of the current fiscal year.

The White House on Thursday issued a veto threat against both parts of the Democratic legislation.

Pelosi was cheered by fellow Democrats when she said in a speech on the House floor that the legislation would be voted on later on Thursday. She received 220 votes, Republican Kevin McCarthy got 192 votes and a few others garnered the remaining votes in the 435-seat chamber.

"I pledge that this Congress will be transparent, bipartisan and unifying, that we will seek to reach across the aisle (to the other party) in this chamber and across divisions across our nation," Pelosi said.

Pelosi now is situated to lead Democratic opposition to Trump's agenda and carry out investigations of his administration following two years during which congressional Republicans largely acquiesced to the president.

Trump later on Thursday made an unannounced appearance in the White House briefing room to make the case for the border wall, accompanied by members

of a union that represents border patrol agents that endorsed him for president in 2016. He congratulated Pelosi on her selection as speaker and said: "Hopefully we're going to work together."

"The wall — you can call it a barrier, you can call it whatever you want — but essentially we need protection in our country," Trump told reporters, without taking questions.

Republican Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell signaled that the Democratic legislation had no future in the Senate, calling it "political theater, not productive lawmaking."

"Let's not waste the time," he said on the Senate floor. "Let's not get off on the wrong foot with House Democrats using their platform to produce political statements rather than serious solutions."

McConnell said the Senate would not take up any proposal that did not have a real chance of getting Trump's signature.

Top Senate Democrat Chuck Schumer urged McConnell to allow the Democratic legislation to come to a vote in the chamber and said there was no reason to keep parts of the government unrelated to the border security issue shut down because of the wall stand-off. REUTERS

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TIP CUPS

When did tip cups become the norm for businesses? The reason I walk into a store and buy something instead of have it delivered

is because I don't expect to have to tip anybody. I buy a doughnut and they put it in a bag, and for this they deserve a tip? I have an idea. Why don't the employers

pay a decent wage to their workers? I guess not. They expect the consumers to subsidize them.

— Nick, Metro US reader

A SOLUTION TO HONKING NEIGHBORS

Dear "Annoyed," here is an idea... on Sundays around 10:50 a.m., go knock heavily on the door of the

person who is being picked up...if they complain, let them know you will stop knocking when the driver stops honking. — Omar Torrance, Metro US reader

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THE ZEN OF KEEPING A HOUSEPLANT ALIVE

It can be a strange feeling as you get older when you realize that the limited real estate in your mind might not have room for maintaining a positive atmosphere at home. Your life gets busier and busier. The thought of house-training a pet seems like such a panic-inducing undertaking, even though having a cute pupper greet you after a long day at work would reduce your stress tenfold. So, why not start out small? By keeping houseplants in your apartment, you can have a low-stakes project that will keep your mind motivated to making your apartment a pleasant place to live while working on your empathy muscles. That reminds me: Did I water mine this morning?



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Aries Touch base with someone who usually gives you good advice. Once you get an overall picture of a situation, you'll know exactly what to do next. Don't act in haste.



Taurus Discipline and persistence will pay off. Look at what you are trying to accomplish and put your heart and soul into achieving your goal. Celebrate your success with a loved one.



Gemini Think big, but live within your means. Don't let temptation get the better of you. An idea you have can help you make a financial gain. A partnership looks promising.



Cancer Don't get drawn into someone else's drama. Do your own thing, make personal improvements or start a new creative endeavor. Anger will be a waste of time.



Leo Have fun, but don't leave out someone who counts on you. Keep the peace by sharing the wealth and making others feel welcome and at ease. A short trip or physical activity is favored.



Virgo Don't let the actions of others stand in your way. If you focus on what's important, you will accomplish what you set out to do. Share with a loved one.



Libra You'll face opposition if you are too vocal about your plans. Don't start an argument or get drawn into one. Do your own thing and avoid conflict to come out ahead.



Scorpio Get involved in something worthwhile. Helping out in your community or doing something nice for an older or younger friend or relative will lead to an unusual reward.



Sagittarius A change at home will lead to personal growth. Your openness will give someone a chance to take advantage of you. Don't share personal information or passwords.



Capricorn Personal improvements should be made that will help you use your skills and experience to be the best that you can be. It's a new year and a chance to start over.



Aquarius Call in favors and make adjustments to the way you do things. An opportunity will be too good to turn down. Don't make a decision without consulting a loved one first.



Pisces Pay more attention to the way you look and how you present yourself to the world at large. Keep your opinions to yourself and avoid sensitive issues. EUGENIA LAST

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Go straight to the party

Have more fun than the celebrities at these Golden Globes watch parties.



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Hollywood's long march toward the Oscars — if they ever end up finding a host — begins with the 2019 Golden Globe Awards on Sunday, Jan. 6. The 76th annual ceremony is being hosted by "Brooklyn Nine-Nine" star Andy Samberg and "Killing Eve"'s Sandra Oh, and our hopes for them are Amy-Poehler-and-Tina-Fey-high. (And not just because they've promised to steer clear of the "T" word). Don't watch this one on your sofa; head to one of these watch parties instead, and check



Have more fun than the people actually at the 2019 Golden Globes at these Golden Globes watch parties. GETTY IMAGES

out our predictions for the winners on Page 16.

Littlefield

Start your night with a free glass of champagne by RSVPing to The Skint's also free Golden Globes watch party at Littlefield. The Gowanus venue will project the red carpet

and show on a big screen, with themed drink specials and food by El Atoradero for purchase, and a bingo card instead of a ballot — because the winners may be a mystery, but awards shows always have predictable moments. Note that RSVP does not guarantee entry and the venue is mixed

seated/standing, so arrive early. **Doors at 5:30 p.m., 635 Sackett St., Brooklyn, free, theskint.com**

Caveat

Manhattan's venue for nerdy fun is bringing in its own performers for a night to remember. At the Holy Globes! watch

party, a livestream of the ceremony will be accompanied by commentary from Lida Darmian and Gabe Gonzalez, plus mini-shows during commercials, a drinking game and bragging rights for the most winner predictions. **Doors at 7 p.m., 21A Clinton St., \$15 advance, \$18 at the door, caveat.nyc**

Syndicated

Watch the awards at a free party in the glam (and delicious) restaurant of Bushwick's dine-in theater Syndicated. The ceremony will be screened with sound, specialty cocktails inspired by the year in film and television, and of course a contest for best winner predictions. **Free, 8 p.m., 40 Bogart St., Brooklyn, free, syndicatedbk.com**

Madame Tussauds

Celebrate the big night among the bright lights of Times Square and the wax versions of your favorite celebrities at a free viewing party inside Madame Tussauds. Dress your party best and enjoy a night filled with bubbles and glitz in the museum's A-List Room. **7:30-11 p.m., 234 W. 42nd St., RSVP at madametussaudsnyc.com, alliedglobalmarketing.com**

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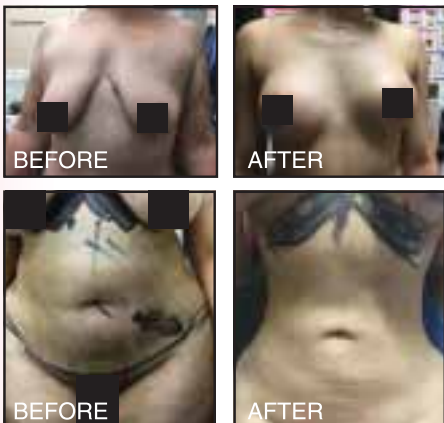
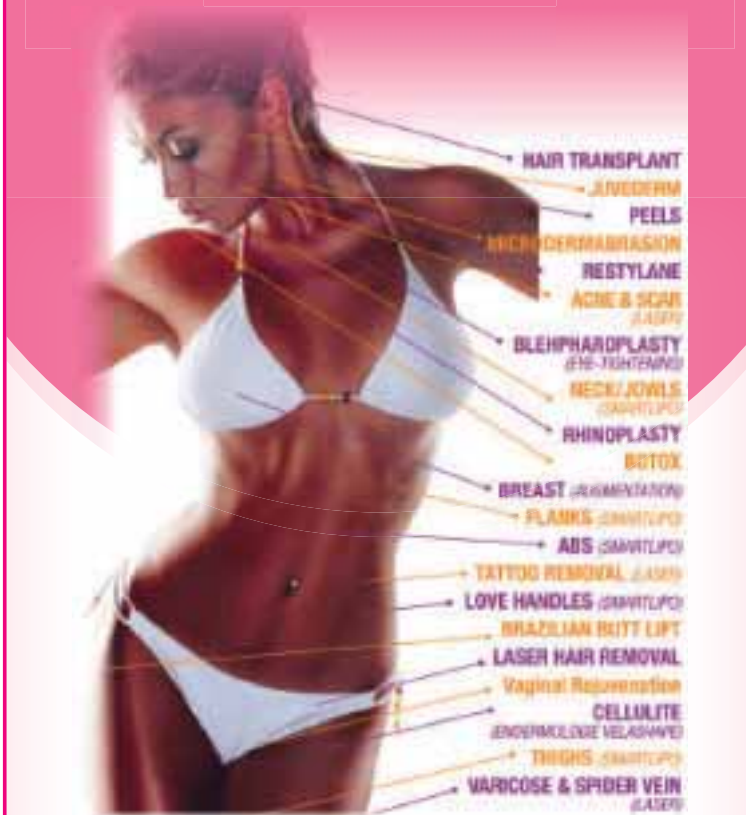
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Andy Samberg and Sandra Oh host this year's Golden Globes.
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Our top predictions for the 2019 Golden Globes

Who'll win, who won't and what will happen at this year's ceremony.



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The Golden Globe Awards return Sunday on NBC. There's not a whole lot of time between now and then, so if you're looking to hedge your bets and make a few last-minute predictions, then consider our thoughts on who's most likely to win — and who's not.

Sandra Oh is going to steal the show
Soon after Kevin Hart was initially announced as the host of the upcoming Academy Awards telecast, the Golden Globes tried to overshadow the Oscars by declaring that Sandra Oh and Andy Samberg would be co-hosting its awards ceremony. Of course, Hart subsequently departed his Oscar hosting duties following criticism of his homophobic jokes and tweets, but Oh and Samberg? They're still on the docket for the Golden Globes, which is great news because their pairing as co-presenters for the 2018 Emmys was praised across the board.

They're going to make

fun of the Oscars

The Oscars-Hart controversy notwithstanding, it's a good bet that either Oh, Samberg or at least one of the presenters or winners at the 2019 Golden Globes is going to mention it. Whether it's a scripted (and approved) moment or an impromptu joke or speech, the Academy's public relations disaster is definitely going to be on the minds of everyone in attendance at the Golden Globe Awards ceremony. Everyone watching at home is surely going to be thinking about it, too.

'Black Panther' isn't going to win much...

Marvel Studios has been pushing hard for "Black Panther's" recognition by the various award bodies in the industry this past year. This is especially true of the Oscars and the Globes, and while the former's nominations haven't been announced yet, the latter's have. The result? Ryan Coogler's acclaimed blockbuster scored three nominations for Best Motion Picture (Drama), Best Original Score and Best Original Song. As great as this is, however, chances are "Black Panther" isn't going to win a single one.

...but 'A Star Is Born' is Why? Because, at least in terms of the Best

Motion Picture category, "Black Panther" is facing off against the likes of "BlackKkKlansman" and "If Beale Street Could Talk." It's also matched against Bradley Cooper and Lady Gaga's "A Star Is Born," a remake of the original 1937 film and, despite this, one of the year's most acclaimed and popular films. Seeing as how music-heavy it is, "A Star Is Born" will likely beat "Black Panther" in the two categories they share nominations in. It will also undoubtedly earn trophies for Cooper, Gaga and the majority of its nominees.

Expect a lot of TV snubs

Many of the best shows were recognized in this year's nominations. Many others, however, were not. Newcomers like "Killing Eve" and "Barry" and returning favorites like "The Good Place" and "The Americans" scored various nominations. But what about "Atlanta," "BoJack Horseman" or "American Vandal"? The former was a huge favorite last year, but aside from Donald Glover's acting nod, the Globes gave little to "Atlanta." Animated series like "BoJack" are routinely ignored. As for "Vandal," despite the fact that its first season won a Peabody Award, it seems the Globes don't really care.



Felicity Jones plays the notorious RBG in "On the Basis of Sex." FOCUS FEATURES

Ruth Bader Ginsburg is a 'punk icon'

Felicity Jones and Mimi Leder talk "On the Basis of Sex."



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Both Felicity Jones and director Mimi Leder instantly knew that they had to be involved in "On the Basis of Sex," the Ruth Bader Ginsburg biopic about her early struggles as a burgeoning lawyer and the groundbreaking tax case that changed her life and career.

"I responded immediately to the material," Jones tells Metro. "I had been looking for something like this for months and months after 'Rogue One.' I wanted to tell a story about career and ambition. But this was also about a phenomenal woman. It was the perfect story."

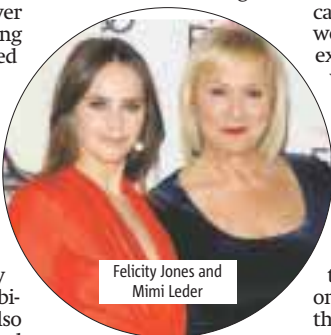
"I knew I had to make this movie. I also knew how to make this movie," adds Leder. "I just felt an instant kinship to Ruth, too."

Both Leder and Jones saw parallels between their own professional struggles in the movie industry and what Ginsburg had to endure after excelling at both Harvard and Columbia Law schools, only to be rejected by ev-

ery New York City law job she applied for.

"I really empathized with Ruth being the outsider. I channeled that, as I have been the only woman on set. That was really helpful," notes Jones.

"Of course, this is on different levels, but we have both broken the glass ceilings in our industries for a lot of different generations to come," says Leder, who was the first female grad-



Felicity Jones and Mimi Leder

uate of the AFI Conservatory. "I know what it is like to have doors slammed in my face."

But Leder stresses that she was also hugely attracted to the love story that is at the heart of the film.

"I also know what it is like to have a loving partner that supports me in every way. I really understood that," says Leder. "Discrimination is an injustice to us all. It is not

just a woman's issue. We all need champions. We all need love in our lives. I wanted to show what love and family can bring to an individual."

For Ruth, that was her husband of 56 years, Marty Ginsburg, portrayed by Armie Hammer. The story of their love and the hardships that they had to endure and overcome are, frankly, so unbelievable that they couldn't have been scripted.

"Marty got testicular cancer at 25 when they were both at Harvard," explains Leder. "The survival rate was just 5 percent. She told him, 'We're not giving up! She was a force.'"

"She took care of him. She went to her classes and his classes, did all of the studying for him so that he could continue on. And she took care of their child. I don't know anyone that could do all of that. She is a unique powerhouse of passion and will. She's a real icon for all of us."

Jones goes one further, calling Ginsburg "a punk icon."

"She didn't come from a privileged background, but she managed to change the system," says Jones. "She is a real fighter. And she did it all on her own terms, too."

"On the Basis of Sex" is now in theaters.

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If Giants pass on Eli, what's next?

Gettleman said on Wednesday that he's not committing to Mann in 2019.



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New York Giants general manager Dave Gettleman is not committing his team's future to veteran quarterback Eli Manning.

Celebrating his 38th birthday on Thursday, the 15-year veteran didn't have a bad season on paper, completing a career-best 66 percent of his passes for 4,299 yards, 21 touchdowns, and 11 interceptions (his lowest total since 2010). But his presence under center

saw the offense predicated by dink-and-dump passes given an inability to extend the play while under pressure.

Most of the blame should go to the offensive line not protecting an immobile quarterback well enough, but it's becoming abundantly clear that the Giants' offense can't have a statuesque passer rooted in the pocket like Manning.

That's not saying they need a scrambler, but they do need a talent that can at least move around well enough to give a talented core of receivers more time to get open.

It seems like Gettleman is at least considering that after speaking with the media on Wednesday.

Per ESPN's Jordan Raanan, Gettleman admitted that the Giants are in the "evaluation process" when it comes to Manning's future with



Will the Giants be moving on from Eli Manning this offseason? REUTERS

the team and that any decision "will be in the best interest" of the team.

Should he come to the conclusion that Manning is not the man for the Giants anymore, he'll have to do some work to find his successor.

If his brief outing against the Washington Redskins in Week 14 suggested anything, Kyle Lau-

letta is not cut out to be a starting quarterback in the NFL. An arrest earlier this season also brings his dependability into question.

Despite a 5-11 finish that yielded the sixth-overall pick in the 2019 NFL Draft, the Giants likely aren't going to find their next franchise quarterback during the selec-

tion process. This year's crop of quarterbacks is very weak compared to last year's loaded class that included Sam Darnold, Baker Mayfield, Josh Allen and Josh Rosen.

With Josh Herbert returning to Oregon for another year, Ohio State's Dwayne Haskins becomes the top prospect under center. The sophomore passed for over 4,800 yards in 14 games this season with a 70 percent completion rating and 50 touchdowns. Three of those came during Tuesday's Rose Bowl victory over Washington.

Seeing as he isn't the overwhelming top prospect of the 2019 draft class, he can be had with the No. 6 pick should the Giants like what they see at the combine.

If not, the Giants might scour the free-agent market for a short-term option where the likes of Joe Flacco and Nick Foles are

expected to be available.

The emergence of Lamar Jackson has seen Flacco fall out of favor in Baltimore with the Ravens while Foles' playoff and late-season heroics still won't be enough to unseat Carson Wentz from his perch as starter.

Foles is going to call for a big payday after winning Super Bowl LII MVP honors and guiding the Eagles to the playoffs yet again this year, which might not interest the Giants should they draft Haskins or another quarterback like Missouri's Drew Lock.

Flacco, though, could use a short-term deal with a team like the Giants to prove that he can still lead a contender under center. That would give the organization time to prepare a young quarterback for the starting role much like what they did with Kurt Warner in 2004 ahead of Manning.

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COLTS AT TEXANS (-2)

Moneyline: Colts +105, Texans -125
Betting Total: 47.5 points
Time (Eastern), TV: Saturday, 4:35 p.m., ESPN

The Colts won the most recent of two meetings this year between the clubs, beating Houston on the road in Week 14, 24-21. That result ended one of the least-inspiring nine-game win streaks in NFL history. The Texans limped to the finish, splitting their last four games. After that defeat to the Colts, they beat the Jets by just one score before losing to the Eagles and finishing off a demoralized Jaguars squad.

Team defense was an underrated part of the Colts' late-season push, as they concluded the year 10th in points per game allowed (21.5). They should be able to contain Deshaun Watson and Co., who were only 17th in yards per play, even after the mid-season addition of Demaryius Thomas.

Another unit that excelled for Indy was their offensive line, which sur-

rendered the fewest sacks in the league this season.

Luck won't have to fear J.J. Watt and the rest of the Texans' pass rush and can pick apart Houston's 28th-ranked secondary.

At 9-1 straight-up and 6-3-1 against the spread in their last 10 games, the Colts are tough to want to bet against right now.

Prediction: Colts win, 24-20

The play: Colts +2

SEAHAWKS AT COWBOYS (-1.5)

Moneyline: Seahawks -105, Cowboys -115
Betting Total: 43.5 points
Time (Eastern), TV: Saturday, 8:15 p.m., FOX

Expect the Cowboys to avenge their September defeat to the Seahawks when these clubs collide at AT&T Stadium.

Dallas labored through a 2-13 defeat when these teams met in Week 3, but that game was Seattle's home opener. Not only has the venue changed, but the Cowboys have clearly turned their season around. They've won seven of their last eight



Mitch Trubisky and the Bears are favored over the Eagles. REUTERS

games (6-1-1 against the spread).

However, it should be Ezekiel Elliott that leads the way to a Dallas victory. The Cowboys were 10th in rushing yards this season, and the Seahawks were 30th in yards per rush allowed.

It bears repeating that this game is taking place in Arlington, Texas, where the Cowboys were 7-1 this season. Seattle was mediocre on the road, as usual, playing to a 4-4 record.

Prediction: Cowboys win, 23-17

The play: Cowboys -1.5

CHARGERS AT RAVENS (-2.5)

Moneyline: Chargers +125, Ravens -145
Betting Total: 41.5 points
Time (Eastern), TV: Sunday, 1:05 p.m., CBS

The Chargers were road warriors in 2018, going 7-1 straight-up and against the spread.

A big reason for that success is L.A.'s ground game, as Charger running backs accounted for over 19 additional yards per tilt on the road compared to their overall numbers. So the news that Melvin Gordon practiced in full on Wednesday and is

"ready to go" for Sunday was especially good for the Chargers.

Ravens rookie quarterback Lamar Jackson looks overmatched by Philip Rivers, who had one of his best statistical seasons in his 15th year in the league. Jackson had a paltry 84.5 passer rating this season and has coughed the ball up 12 times in his last seven games alone.

Prediction: Chargers win, 24-20

The play: Chargers to win +125

EAGLES AT BEARS (-5.5)

Moneyline: Eagles +205, Bears -245
Betting Total: 41 points
Time (Eastern), TV: Sunday, 4:40 p.m., NBC

The final game of Wild Card weekend looks like the biggest mismatch on paper, as the Philadelphia Eagles, who owe the Bears a favor after Chicago knocked Minnesota out of the playoffs for them

in Week 17, will travel to Soldier Field to take on those same Bears.

In fairness to Philly, they carry plenty of momentum heading into the postseason, as they've won three straight since Nick Foles, as he did last year, came to the rescue after a Carson Wentz injury.

Per OddsShark.com, the Eagles have averaged nearly 70 more yards per game with Foles, and just over a full touchdown more per game, albeit the sample size is small.

However, the Bears went 7-1 straight-up and against the spread at Soldier Field this year, with the lone loss coming to the Patriots. They wreaked havoc on opposing offenses, ranking first in points per game allowed and INTs. Mitchell Trubisky isn't known as a big deep-ball threat, but even he should be able to exploit the Eagles' 30th-rated pass defense.

Prediction: Bears win, 28-13

The play: Bears -5.5

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Porzingis' future with Knicks unclear

The Knicks have a lot of work to do before securing their star youngster.



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Once considered the centerpiece of the New York Knicks' future, star big man Kristaps Porzingis is at a crossroads with the organization.

The 23-year-old, who is currently recovering from a torn ACL suffered last February, will be a restricted free agent this summer after the Knicks opted not to offer him a contract extension in October.

The reasoning was somewhat understandable, though it has put Knicks management in a precarious situation. Opting not to work out an extension with Porzingis at the start of the



Kristaps Porzingis is facing an uncertain summer in unrestricted free agency. REUTERS

2018-19 season allowed them to save up more cap space for legitimate runs at star free agents this upcoming summer. Then New York would

revisit securing Porzingis for the foreseeable future.

But the New York Daily News' Stefan Bondy has raised the notion

of whether Porzingis should even consider committing his future to the Knicks, especially as team president Steve Mills "backs off his dec-

laration" to make a big splash in July.

While Porzingis could be sidelined for the entirety of his fourth season, the reality of the matter is that he hasn't come close to playing for a contending team. Since drafting Porzingis, the Knicks are 101-183 and on their fourth-different head coach in David Fizdale.

Bondy has noted that Porzingis wants to win soon and the indication that Mills might not be all-in for a star like Kevin Durant in free agency could force the Latvian forward to take matters into his own hands.

If the Knicks and Porzingis can get on the same page during restricted free agency this summer, he can sign a five-year max deal worth approximately \$157 million. If he opts not to, and sets himself up for unrestricted free agency in the summer of 2020, the Knicks will likely

consider trading him.

Should he wish to force the Knicks' hand this summer, he could sign an offer sheet from another team. It would force New York to match the deal within 48 hours or else he'd be gone.

That's where the Brooklyn Nets come in, according to Bondy. General manager Sean Marks holds Porzingis in high esteem and has a track record of going after restricted free agents including Otto Porter Jr., Tyler Johnson, Donatas Motiejunas and Allen Crabbe.

If the Nets are unable to pick up a big-name unrestricted free agent this summer, seeing as they have max-salary roster slots available, Marks could go all-in on Porzingis as a major consolation prize. That presents the opportunity for the Knicks to match or execute a sign-and-trade to ensure they don't lose him for nothing.

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The annual return of the Rafa Nadal Foundation Inc for the calendar year ended December 31, 2017 is available at its principal office located at 655 Third Avenue, #1400, New York, NY 10017 for inspection during regular business hours by any citizen who requests it within 180 days hereof. Principal Manager of the Foundation is Maria Francisca Perello.

NOTICE OF SALE
SUPREME COURT-
COUNTY OF QUEENS
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SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE
TO LASALLE BANK
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION,
ON BEHALF OF THE
HOLDERS OF BEAR STEARNS
ASSET BACKED SECURITIES
I TRUST 2005-FR1, ASSET-BACKED
CERTIFICATES SERIES
2005-FR1, Plaintiff, AGAINST
NANETTE LASTORINO, et al.
Defendant(s) Pursuant to a
judgment of foreclosure and sale
duly entered on May 14, 2018,
I, the undersigned Referee, will sell
at public auction at the Queens
County Supreme Court, 88-11
Sutphin Boulevard, Jamaica,
NY 11435 on January 11, 2019
at 10:00 AM premises known as
80-16 159 AVE AKA 80 16 159
AVE, HOWARD BEACH, NY 11414.
All that certain plot piece or parcel
of land, with the buildings and
improvements thereon erected,
situate, lying and being in the
Borough and County of Queens,
City and State of New York.
Block 14001 and Lot 7.
Approximate amount of
judgment \$703,930.61 plus
interest and costs. Premises
will be sold subject to
provisions of filed Judgment.
Index #703103/2015.
PETER M. WOLF, ESQ., Referee,
Aldridge Pite, LLP
Attorneys for Plaintiff
40 Marcus Drive Suite 200
Melville, NY 11747.

The annual return of the David E. Monn Foundation for the fiscal year ended November 30, 2017 is available at its principal office located at 135 West 27th Street, New York, NY 10001 for inspection during regular business hours by any citizen who requests it within 180 days hereof. Principal Manager of the Foundation is David E. Monn.

The annual return of the Joseph Gluck Foundation for the calendar year ended December 31, 2017 is available at its principal office located at 655 Third Avenue, #1400, New York, NY 10017 for inspection during regular business hours by any citizen who requests it within 180 days hereof. Principal Manager of the Foundation is Sanford Gluck.

The annual return of the Abraham and Lillian Rosenberg Foundation for the fiscal year ended April 30, 2017 is available at its principal office located at 655 Third Avenue, #1400, New York, NY 10017 for inspection during regular business hours by any citizen who requests it within 180 days hereof. Principal Manager of the Foundation is Gerald Weinstein.

The annual return of the Chatlos Foundation for the calendar year ended December 31, 2017 is available at its principal office located at 655 Third Avenue, #1400, New York, NY 10017 for inspection during regular business hours by any citizen who requests it within 180 days hereof. Principal Manager of the Foundation is William J. Chatlos.

The annual return of the Weissman Foundation for the fiscal year ended November 30, 2017 is available at its principal office located at 655 Third Avenue, #1400, New York, NY 10017 for inspection during regular business hours by any citizen who requests it within 180 days hereof. Principal Manager of the Foundation is Joel S. Weissman.

The annual return of the Esther Esh Sternberg Foundation for the calendar year ended December 31, 2017 is available at its principal office located at 655 Third Avenue, #1400, New York, NY 10017 for inspection during regular business hours by any citizen who requests it within 180 days hereof. Principal Manager of the Foundation is Esther Esh Sternberg.

The annual return of the West Street Charitable Foundation for the calendar year ended December 31, 2017 is available at its principal office located at 30 West Street, #26A, New York, NY 10009 for inspection during regular business hours by any citizen who requests it within 180 days hereof. Principal Manager of the Foundation is Ramnarain Jaigobind.

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OF NEW YORK SUPREME COURT:
COUNTY OF QUEENS
DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL
TRUST COMPANY, AS
TRUSTEE FOR MORGAN
STANLEY CAPITAL I INC.
TRUST 2006-HE2, Plaintiff,
vs. COLIN PATRICK TERRHOPHA,
MURIEL TERRHOPHA, et al.,
Defendants
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT
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Foreclosure and Sale entered in the
office of the County Clerk of Queens
County on September 12, 2018,
I, Gary C. DiLeonardo, Esq., the
Referee named in said Judgment,
will sell in one parcel at public
auction on February 1, 2019 at the
Queens County Courthouse, court
room #25, 88-11 Sutphin Boulevard,
Jamaica, County of Queens,
State of New York, at 10:00 A.M.,
the premises described as follows:
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SBL No.: 11212 – 22
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the provisions of the filed judgment,
Index No. 27156-11
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plus interest and costs.
Todd Z. Marks, Esq.
Woods Oviatt Gilman LLP
Plaintiff's Attorney
700 Crossroads Building,
2 State St.
Rochester, New York 14614
Tel.: 855-227-5072
59719

The annual return of Lilac Preservation Project for the calendar year ended December 31, 2017 is available at its principal office located at 80 White Street, New York, NY 10013 for inspection during regular business hours by any citizen who requests it within 180 days hereof. Principal Manager of the Foundation is Mary Habstritt.

The annual return of the Margaret and Frank Stinchfield Foundation for the calendar year ended December 31, 2017 is available at its principal office located at 655 Third Avenue, #1400, New York, NY 10017 for inspection during regular business hours by any citizen who requests it within 180 days hereof. Principal Manager of the Foundation is Lee T. Stinchfield.

The annual return of the Jerome Taishoff Foundation for the calendar year ended December 31, 2017 is available at its principal office located at 655 Third Avenue, #1400, New York, NY 10017 for inspection during regular business hours by any citizen who requests it within 180 days hereof. Principal Manager of the Foundation is Vally T. Chamberlain.

The annual return of the Seymour and Dorothy Weinstein Foundation for the calendar year ended December 31, 2017 is available at its principal office located at 655 Third Avenue, #1400, New York, NY 10017 for inspection during regular business hours by any citizen who requests it within 180 days hereof. Principal Manager of the Foundation is Martin Weinstein.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a license Number 1314382, for Restaurant Wine has been applied for by the undersigned to sell Beer, Wine & Cider at retail in a Restaurant under the Alcoholic Beverage Control Law at 158-28 Northern Blvd., Flushing, NY 11358. Queens County, for on-premises consumption. Cho Won Garden Inc.

NOTICE OF SALE
SUPREME COURT
COUNTY OF QUEENS
FEDERAL NATIONAL
MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION
("FANNIE MAE"), a CORPORATION
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Plaintiff AGAINST MUHAMMAD
IBRAR HOSSAIN, et al., Defendant(s)
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Foreclosure and Sale duly
dated November 01, 2018 I, the
undersigned Referee will sell
at public auction at the Queens
County Courthouse in Courtroom
#25, 88-11 Sutphin Boulevard,
Jamaica, New York, on February
01, 2019 at 10:00AM, premises
known as 88-02 139TH STREET,
JAMAICA, NY 11435.
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parcel of land, with the buildings
and improvements erected,
situate, lying and being in the
Borough and County of Queens,
City and State of New York,
BLOCK 9620, LOT 20.
Approximate amount of judgment
\$612,182.91 plus interest and
costs. Premises will be sold subject
to provisions of filed Judgment for
Index # 701614/2015.
ANTHONY V. LOMBARDINO,
ESQ., Referee
Gross Polowy, LLC
Attorney for Plaintiff
1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100
Williamsville, NY 14221
59606

NOTICE OF SALE
SUPREME COURT
COUNTY OF QUEENS,
WILMINGTON SAVINGS
FUND SOCIETY, FSB, AS
TRUSTEE FOR
STANWICH MORTGAGE
LOAN TRUST A,
Plaintiff, vs. MOULTON D.
SMALL, ET AL., Defendant(s).
Pursuant to a Judgment of
Foreclosure and Sale duly
filed on October 10, 2018, I, the
undersigned Referee will sell at
public auction at the Queens
County Supreme Court,
Courtroom 25, 88-11 Sutphin
Boulevard, Jamaica, NY on
January 18, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.,
premises known as 221-43
Murdock Avenue, Queens
Village, NY 11429. All that
certain plot, piece or parcel of
land, with the buildings and
improvements thereon erected,
situate, lying and being in the
Borough of Queens, County of
Queens, City and State of New
York, Block 11220 and Lot 19.
Approximate amount of
judgment is \$582,398.35 plus
interest and costs. Premises will
be sold subject to provisions of
filed Judgment
Index # 11177-2012.
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reason, the Purchaser at the sale
shall be entitled only to a return of
the deposit paid. The Purchaser
shall have no further recourse
against the Mortgagor, the
Mortgagee, the Mortgagee's
attorney, or the Referee.
Joseph Misk, Esq., Referee
Peter T. Roach & Associates, P.C.
6901 Jericho Turnpike, Suite 240,
Syosset, New York 11791,
Attorneys for Plaintiff.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a license, Number 1315082, for Beer & Wine has been applied for by the undersigned to sell Beer & Wine at retail in a Restaurant under the Alcoholic Beverage Control Law at 40-56 Junction Blvd., Corona, NY. Queens County, for on premises consumption. Nuevo Don Francisco Restaurant Inc.

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IN FORECLOSURE STATE
OF NEW YORK SUPREME
COURT: COUNTY OF
QUEENS WELLS FARGO
BANK, N.A., SUCCESSOR
BY MERGER TO
WACHOVIA MORTGAG,
FSB, Plaintiff, vs. GEORGE
ANTHONY JENKINS A/K/A
GEORGE A. JENKINS,
LISA K. JENKINS, et al.,
Defendants
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT
In pursuance of a Judgment of
Foreclosure and Sale entered in
the office of the County Clerk of
Queens County on April 26, 2018,
I, Judah Maltz, Esq., the Referee
named in said Judgment, will sell
in one parcel at public auction on
February 1, 2019 at the Queens
County Courthouse, courtroom
#25, 88-11 Sutphin Boulevard,
Jamaica, County of Queens,
State of New York, at 10:00 A.M.,
the premises described as follows:
121-09 196th Street, Jamaica, NY
11413 Block: 12682 Lot: 45:
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Borough and County of Queens,
City and State of New York
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the provisions of the filed
judgment, Index No. 21365/12
in the amount of \$426,233.95
plus interest and costs.
Kathryn E. Assini, Esq.
Woods Oviatt Gilman LLP
Plaintiff's Attorney
700 Crossroads Building
2 State St.
Rochester, New York 14614
Tel.: 855-227-5072 59882.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a license Number 1314791, for Restaurant Wine has been applied for by the undersigned to sell Beer, Wine & Cider at retail in a Restaurant under the Alcoholic Beverage Control Law at 42-32 162nd Street, Flushing, NY 11358. Queens County, for on-premises consumption. Aladin Lamb BBQ Inc.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a license, Number Pending, for Beer, Wine & Liquor has been applied for by the undersigned to sell Beer, Wine & Liquor at retail in a Restaurant under the Alcoholic Beverage Control Law at 33-11 Broadway, Astoria, NY. Queens County, for on premises consumption. El Mariachi Holding Corp.

The annual return of the Harry Tuttle Fund, Inc. for the fiscal year ended August 31, 2017 is available at its principal office located at 622 West 141st Street, New York, NY 10031 for inspection during regular business hours by any citizen who requests it within 180 days hereof. Principal Manager of the Foundation is John F. Kunze.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a license, Number 1313752, for Beer has been applied for by the undersigned to sell Beer at retail in a Restaurant under the Alcoholic Beverage Control Law at 255 W. 36th St., New York, NY. New York County, for on premises consumption. Hari 1 Inc.

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5 Lincoln & others
9 ___ in; wearing
13 Legitimate
15 Beard wearer
16 Tramp
17 Thrill
18 Mammal with a hard shell
20 Sesame and Easy: abbr.
21 "___ Doubtfire"
23 Vendor
24 Bangkok folks
26 Actor Holbrook
27 Buddy
29 Unwanted nasal growths
32 ___ the punch; added booze
33 Upper body garment
35 Lil Wayne's music
37 Gung ho
38 Pricey hotel booking
39 Alpha's follower
40 Hair covering
41 Foe
42 ___ pie; nut-topped dessert
43 Wild felines

45 Close relation

46 Mimic

47 WA's Puget ___

48 Astute

51 Apex

52 Flow back

55 Helper

58 Bert's pal

60 Cheese with a white coating

61 ___ polish; manicurist's bottle

62 Boulders

63 Collections

64 Monopoly or mah-jongg

65 Buzzers

DOWN

1 12/24 & 12/31

2 Mr. Disney

3 Stretchiness

4 Command to Fido

5 Pile up

6 ___ none; without exception

7 American ___; ND's state tree

8 Coast

9 Like sweater weather

10 Lounge about

11 Competent enough

12 Entryway

14 Insist on

19 Passed out cards

22 Get ___ of; shed

25 Pay attention to

27 Caramel-topped custard

28 Come apart

29 Compassion

30 Took ___ over; outranked

31 Hell's ruler

33 Girls' nicknames

34 That fellow

36 Breathe heavily

38 ___ at; looking down on

39 Swiss capital

41 Force out

42 Poor person

44 Sea forces

45 Hawaiian food

47 In ___; fashionable

48 Hired vehicles

49 Attract; tempt

50 Way out

53 Two-wheeler

54 20th-century First Lady

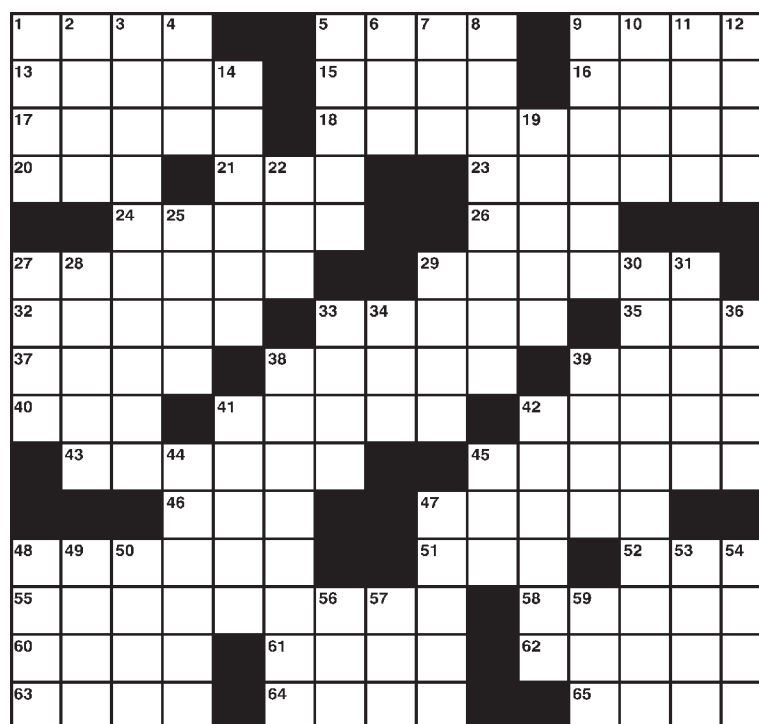
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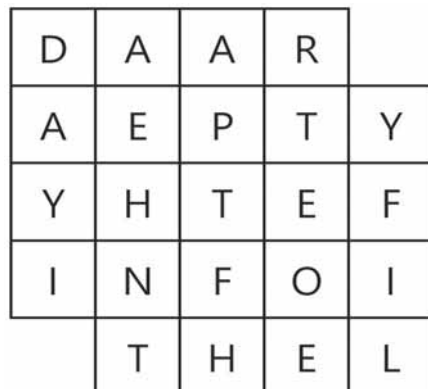
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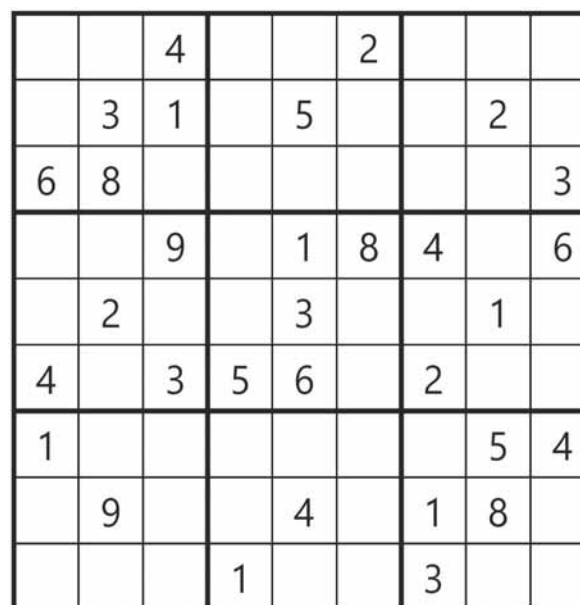
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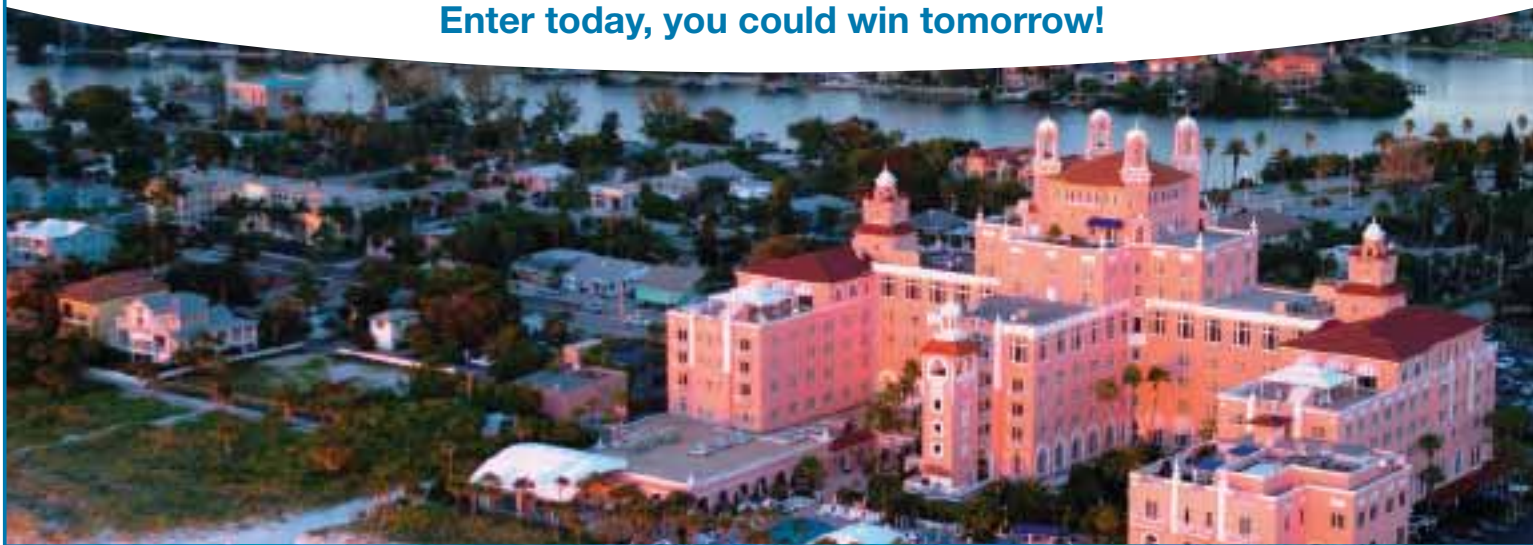
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